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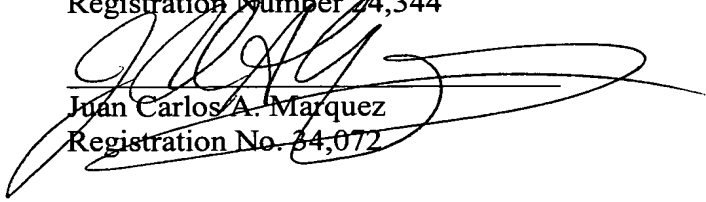
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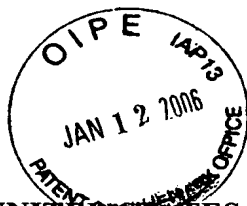
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<b>HIGAKI et al.</b>	)	<b>Art Unit 2186</b>
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<b>Filed: February 2, 2004</b>	)	
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<b>For: STORAGE SYSTEM AND</b>	)	
<b>STORAGE CONTROL DEVICE</b>	)	
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<b>Attorney Docket No. HITA.0508</b>	)	

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2005, the period for response to which is set to expire on February 9, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: